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1. [redacted] a small Soviet submarine proceeding on a northerly course at a speed of not over 8 knots was observed about 300 meters away on her way to ARKHANGELSK. She had run a distance of 5 miles after passing Cape Terski Orlov (about 67° 15' N / 41° 20' E). The sea was quite smooth, but visibility was very low because of thick haze. The submarine, estimated at not over 250 tons, had an almost semicircular conning tower (CT). [redacted] She was painted grayish-green. [redacted] No persons were seen on the deck. 25X1
2. [redacted] approximately 8 sea miles off the coast, about three hours [redacted] had passed Cape Terski Orlov, a total of 21 Soviet submarine chasers, passed at a distance of about 400 meters, steering a northeasterly course in line ahead [redacted] how large a Soviet flotilla was by counting the vessels and, after 11 boats had passed [redacted] (the first boat had meanwhile disappeared in the prevailing haze), [redacted] a total of 22 boats would pass, as, in this case, they would have formed two flotillas. [redacted] only 21 boats all told had passed [redacted] at a speed of 25 knots and three boat's length apart. Only the third boat carried a green flag with the hammer-and-sickle emblem in the first quarter at the flag staff. [redacted] tioned the green flag, [redacted] They were about 70 meters long, had a continuous deck line, a raked bridge superstructure, a low smokestack with a slanting smoke hood just aft of the bridge, a mast with a well-equipped crow's nest at the rear end of the bridge, a slightly raised foredeck, a single fun on the foredeck and two guns on the fantail. The boats carried unknown numbers. 25X1
3. A total of 15 Soviet PT boats followed the group of submarine chasers proceeding in line ahead half a sea mile away. They also seemed to be on a norht-easterly course in line ahead at about 25 knots. Only the leading boat carried a green flag with the hammer-and-sickle emblem at the flag staff and an unidentified pennant at the yard arm. [redacted] He said that the boats 25X1

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were very similar to the former German S-boats with the only difference that they were longer (about 45 meters) and that the two torpedo tubes on the foredeck were fitted nearer to the stem without the typical recess in the deck line. The boats were painted gray and seemed to be new.

4. On passing Kuiskoi Point (about 65° 08' N / 40° 10' E) [redacted] 25X1
made out about 15 apparently smaller PT boats lying at anchor in two rows side by side or separately close to the shore. They were about 3.5 sea miles away from the observer who could not make out their exact number as the coast was steep and its color grayish-yellow. One of the PT boats cast off from one of the tiers, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the PT boat only wanted to ascertain [redacted] ship's name. Rather thick fog prevailed during the voyage from the North Cape to Cape Terski Orlov.
5. No war vessels or coastal patrol boats were met on the outward voyage (exact data were unavailable as the log book was not at hand). No Soviet war vessels were seen alongside the ARKHAHELISK shipyard [redacted] 25X1

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